GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WAGES UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently revised the rates of wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States have raised objection to the recently revised wages under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) & (b):The Government of India has notified revised wage rates under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) vide notification dated 23.03.2012 in respect of all States/Union Territories under Section 6(1) of the Act. The revised rates are effective from 1st April, 2012 and are given in Annexure.

(c) to (e): Section 6 (1) of MGNREG Act empowers the Central Government to notify wage rates under MGNREGA. The wage rate fixed by the State Governments as on 01.12.2008 for unskilled agriculture labourers was adopted and notified as the wage rate under MGNREGA in January 2009. This has formed the basis of all subsequent revision of wage rates including the revision effective from 1.4.2012, as per the settled wage policy under MGNREGA. The Ministry of Rural Development has not received objections from any State/Union Territory on the wage policy for revision of wages.